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# Indictments 'imminent' in FBI probe

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *"I'm not at liberty at this point to go into great detail. It (the investigation) may involve Rizzo, past employees and officials.*

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise has confirmed that federal prosecutors are expected to reveal criminal charges involving the theft of municipal property. Heise, speaking last Wednesday during an exclusive interview with The Eagle, said that the charges are imminent in the investigation which is ongoing.

Refusing to name the involved parties, Heise confirmed that FBI agents have visited Plymouth Township Hall several times in the past three months. Rumors about a criminal investigation within the township have run rampant since July after township Police Chief Tom Tiderington confirmed certain former township employees were being investigated for an alleged large-scale theft of township property.

Heise would only confirm that in addition to a pending indictment of a former employee, federal agents have expressed a "great interest" in township interaction involving the now defunct company owned by former trash titan Chuck Rizzo, and his father, Charles Rizzo, Rizzo Environmental Services, and "matters involving former township personnel that occurred during the tenure of the former Supervisor Shannon Price." The Rizzo investigation is part of a wide-ranging probe of political corruption in local governments.

Rizzo, the former CEO, and his father Charles Rizzo Sr., have recently pleaded guilty and face up to 10 years in federal prison after admitting they bribed Macomb County politicians to build their trash business. Rizzo senior, charged in a 43-page indictment this fall, allegedly stole funds from his own company to bribe local politicians while building his trash-hauling business into a colossal enterprise. The father and son businessmen were the subject of a court-ordered wire-

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# Bigger and better

## Ice Festival set to begin next week

It isn't easy, preparing for nearly 75,000 visitors, but James Gietzen has it all under control this year.

Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment, is producing the 36th Annual Ice Festival which will roar into Plymouth next weekend, beginning Friday, Jan. 12 and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 14.

"The event continues to grow and we are much better organized than when we started," Gietzen noted. He has been at the helm of the event for the past 5 years and said this year he feels comfortable with the growth and organization of the event.

"The first years, we were just trying to keep the event going. Now, we have lists, we have contacts, we are organized," he said last week. "The only situation we can't control is the weather, but right now, predictions for the weekend look ideal for us."

James Gietzen

Gietzen said he is also gratified by the increased number of sponsors for the Ice Festival, although that hasn't always been an easy situation.

"Once a business becomes a sponsor, and they see what a unique opportunity this is for people to engage with their brand, they are in. They always return the next year but we have to start looking for more sponsors the day after the festival closes," he said. "This is totally funded by sponsorships. There is no city money involved, other than the fees we pay to them for services. Most people don't realize that it is these sponsors who bring them this event."

Gietzen said the amount of ice used at the festival is always an indication of how things are going, and this year, there is going to be a lot of ice. "A lot of ice," he stressed.

"That won't necessarily mean bigger sculptures, but it will mean more sculptures and probably more intricate and artistic work," he said. He expects the festival will use more than 300 blocks of ice, each weighing in at about 300 pounds this year. "It's a lot of ice," he repeated.

That ice will be placed in the hands of professional ice artists, many of whom are national and international carving champions.

"Most of them started right here in Plymouth," Gietzen said. "They have a real nostalgia for the Ice Festival because they were in competitions here with their college teams years ago."

In addition to the usual long list of attractions at the festival, this year they have added a Tubing Run on Ann Arbor Trail that Gietzen expects to be popular. This year, Miss Michigan USA Elizabeth Johnson and Miss Michigan Teen USA Anane Loveday, will be visiting The Gathering on Saturday to sign autographs and pose for photos.

Johnson, a Plymouth resident, is also expected to make an appearance at the E.G. Nick's Party Lot Saturday, although Gietzen said he had not yet confirmed that appearance.

The carving competitions, the warming stations, the interactive sculptures, the cross country ski lessons and the food vendors will be joined by live music at the library and PARC where there will also be crafts, live entertainment and even a presentation of The Magic Flute, an opera sung in English.

"There is so much more going on," Gietzen said. "It really is an event for everybody."

# 1865 home must go on market

Anyone interested in purchasing a home built in 1865 in downtown Northville will now have the opportunity to realize that goal. The home would be classified, however, as a "fixer-upper" with warped floors, a sagging, dilapidated roof, an insufficient stone foundation and other structural problems.

There may not be a long list of potential buyers as the home was sold last December for $460,000.

The sale has been required by members of the Historic District Commission who have delayed permission to tear down the home at 341 East Main St. until it is placed on the market. Members of the commission, who had previously tentatively approved the demolition permit, said their decision was based on an opinion from Northville city attorney Robert Marzano.

Eric and Renee Guidobono, the current owners of the property, must now put the home on the market before their application for demolition of the property can be finalized by the commission. Last month, the district commission voted 6-1 in favor of allowing the Guidobonos to demolish the house.

This latest meeting was the fifth consecutive Historic District Commission attended by Ed Funke, who represents the Guidobonos, seeking the demolition permit.

Funke said the Guidobonos purchased the house, which formerly housed MacGuire's Fine Art Gallery, about a year ago and had planned to renovate the two-story, 2000-square foot house into offices for their building company. Structural engineering inspections, however, determined that renovations and repairs to the damages and deteriorated building would cost in excess of $750,000.

The Guidobonos presented an independent structural analysis of the building damage to the commission members as they sought the demolition permit. They are now planning to construct a three-story office and condominium building on the site.

Chairman of the Historic District Commission Jim Allen said he sympathized with the Guidobonos, but that the attorney's opinion would have to be followed.

Wayne - Westland

# Super shopper

## Westland woman wins city Shop & Dine shopping spree

Karen Fuchs did some very quick Christmas shopping this year.

Fuchs, of Westland, was the lucky winner of the Shop and Dine Shopping Spree this year and got to spend $1,000 in 1,000 seconds at JC Penney Dec. 16.

This was the eighth year for the shopping spree, part of the six-week long Shop and Dine holiday campaign of the city which included radio and TV ads, billboards and lots of publicity for the city.

Three finalists for the shopping spree were chosen from those who entered the contest and a fourth from the audience present at the mall for the awarding of the prize. Each was presented with a gift box, but only Fuchs' box contained the message that she had won the shopping spree.

The runners-up, Emily Kliemann of Wayne, Etta Maewright of Westland and Alex Tomlinson of Garden City each won $100 gift cards. Other prizes and gift cards were raffled off during the presentation at Westland Shopping Center.

"We are proud of Westland Shopping Center and the entire Shop and Dine District," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Our city has so much to offer. We have an emerging food scene with restaurant and cafes featuring foods from around the world. The stores inside this mall have something for everybody, from our anchor stores to our smaller boutiques. Our Shop and Dine district definitely has everything you want and everything you need."

Karen Fuchs is all smiles as Westland Mayor William Wild congratulates her on winning the Shop & Dine shopping spree. Photo courtesy of WLND

# Local student wins poster design honor

Anthony Kennedy, a graphic design student at William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, won the Vice Chairman's Award in the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) poster contest.

While the auto show officials chose only 16 posters to be honored from the 825 entries of high school students across the state, students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center were awarded four of the prestigious honors.

Kennedy earned a $1,000 prize and his poster will be featured in the official NAIAS program, posted on the website and displayed during the Auto Show from Jan. 20-28.

Among the four local award winners were Nathan Adermatt who won the award for best use of color. Andrew Sosa won second place in the poster contest and Alan Knapp's work was awarded third place honors. All of the posters will be on display at the Auto Show.

"The creativity exhibited by all of the students is inspiring and gives us a glimpse of the next-generation's talents that await our industry," said Ryan LaFontaine, 2018 NAIAS chairman.

"When you look at these young people's work, you can see endless sparks of imagination that may someday find their way into the automotive design community," he added.

The four North American International Auto Show poster contest winners from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center join their instructor Mark Benglian, at left, and school and Principal Steven Kay, far right.

# Champions program names new director

Deborah Vigliarolo has been named as the new director of business, communication and philanthropy at the Champions of Wayne program.

Champions of Wayne is a program which offers Wayne Memorial High School students the opportunity to earn $200 for a specific improvement in their Grade Point Average with the help and encouragement of an adult mentor with whom they are matched. Students achieving their goals attend an awards banquet where their check is presents. More than 66 percent of the students participating in the Champions program have improved their grades, according to a prepared release.

The program is funded by donations and no public funding is used.

Vigliarolo has an extensive background in community involvement and school district programs, a Champions spokesman said.

"I'm happy to be back at my alma mater and elated about the opportunity to work with such a successful program that is focused on student success," said Vigliarolo, a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. Her experience includes growing and marketing programs at several credit unions including the offering financial literacy to six school districts and instrumental in developing Student Credit Union program which grew to 17 branches in various elementary and middle schools.

"We're thrilled to have Deborah on board, and we look forward to her contributions to Champions of Wayne" said Sean Galvin who oversees the program at the high school.

To learn more about Champions of Wayne or ways to support the program, visit www.championsofwayne.org.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

# Extinguished?

## Plan to dissolve fire department 'off the agenda'

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley confirmed last week that a plan to dissolve the city fire department will not be moving forward.

Her announcement came at the beginning of the regular meeting of the city council last week. She told the assembled audience that the fire department proposal was not on the agenda and said, "We don't anticipate that it will come back on the agenda."

The proposal to dissolve the city fire department and enter an intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren Township for fire and emergency services had been discussed at the Dec. 4 meeting of the council members. Residents crowded the council chambers and the meeting was moved to the high school to accommodate citizens who wanted to speak against the proposal. Citizens criticized the plan as not in the best interest of the city. The plan was to have become effective this month.

While officials continued to deny that any decision had been made, members of the fire department said they had been informed that the fire department would be dissolved in January.

Conley said that the decision not to pursue the intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren Township was based on the number of residents who spoke out against the plan.

Rather than adopt the proposed fire safety plan, Conley said that a team would be appointed to discuss the best plan for the city. She said that representatives from both the city and Van Buren Township would be asked to serve on the committee, members of which will be named this month, Conley said. She added that the committee will also include an outside individual who can analyze the situation without "the emotional side of the issue."

## Romulus High School hosts student conference

More than 800 students from 12 different schools packed Romulus High School Dec. 3 for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Region 5 Leadership Conference.

Terri Brinston, a 20-year veteran in the health care industry who serves as Romulus High School Health Occupations Instructor, is credited with coordinating the event.

"I am thankful for the more than 70 volunteers who helped make this event a success," she said. "It is important that we support our students so they can sharpen their skills and pursue their passion."

Each year Michigan HOSA conducts eight regional-level and one state-level competitive events conferences. Students and teachers from across Michigan gather to compete in events such as Biomedical Debate, CPR/First Aid, Prepared Speaking, Medical Terminology and others. Since its inception in 1976, HOSA has grown steadily reaching with more than 200,000 members through 51chartered HOSA Associations. HOSA is a student-led organization and has a two-fold mission, to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people, according to a prepared release.

## Area mourns death of hero

The Belleville area is mourning the death of a home-town hero.

John Thomas Henderson, Jr., 52, a lifelong Belleville-area resident, died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Dec. 14. Mr. Henderson was born Aug. 3, 1965 in Ypsilanti and attended Belleville schools.

He served in the U.S. Army for 13 years, serving in a chemical unit during the Gulf War.

Mr. Henderson was awarded a National Award of Valor for pulling a 2-year-old girl from a house fire in December of 2015. He was a Van Buren Township firefighter for 15 years and earned the 2015 Firehouse Magazine Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor. Henderson and other honorees were honored for displaying great bravery in the face of dangerous conditions.

The story of Henderson's bravery was described in the August 2016 issue of Firehouse Magazine:

"On Dec. 13, 2015, the Van Buren Fire Department was dispatched to a working house fire in a tri-level-style home. Lt. John Henderson arrived with his partner, Firefighter [Bronson] Campbell, and saw that the second floor of the home was well involved with fire. Henderson was alerted to the fact that a young child was still inside the home. He rushed to the front door and directed his attention to the area where police officers had first observed a child; however, he could only see smoke and fire conditions. With the fire only about 12-18 inches off of the floor, he donned his SCBA, only to realize he had left his helmet on the truck. Sensing he only had a matter of seconds to attempt a rescue, he entered the front door and began crawling on his stomach. Moments later, he felt the soft clothing of a small toddler. Under intense heat, Henderson dragged her with him back to the front door. He was met there by Firefighter Campbell, who began providing medical care to the unresponsive girl. The 2-year-old was treated at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital after suffering burns to more than 50% of her body. She has since been released."

The Van Buren Township Fire Department presented Mr. Henderson with the Medal of Honor and the Michigan State Firemen's Association gave Henderson the 2016 Hero Award.

He was a teacher of safety procedures in closed space rescues and for the last two years cleaned paint tanks and oil tanks.

Cremation rites were according following his funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas, Minutes and Board Packets for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthtwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170

**Regular Meeting Dates for 2018 are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month as follows:**

January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 11.

Special meetings will be scheduled as needed and will likely occur on the first or third Tuesdays of the month when Board Meetings are not already scheduled.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all Board of Trustee Meetings. Citizen input is anticipated and encouraged.

Jerry W Vorva
Plymouth Township Clerk

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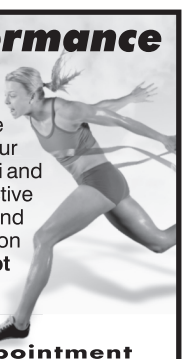

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**December 11, 2017**
**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call:** Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
**1.** Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.
**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**17-431 2A.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 4, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**17-432 2B.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the special meeting minutes of the Romulus City Council held on December 4, 2017; 6:15 p.m. City Quarterly Investment Report, and 6:30 p.m. Water and Sewer Ordinance updates. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**3. Petitioner: None**
**4. Chairperson's Report:**
Mayor Pro Tem Barden read a resolution honoring Deacon Eric Talley Sr. and Reverend Rita Talley on 50 years of marriage.
**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**5. Mayor's Report:**
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. Mayor Burcroff read a proclamation congratulating the Romulus Flyers Football Team for their 2017 Peanut Bowl Championship. He presented dog tag necklaces to all the team members. Mr. John Wester, President of the Romulus Flyers, introduced the head coach, Doug Clark, and Assistant Coach, Derrick Sudduth. Both coaches spoke highly of the team players. The Flyers presented Mayor Burcroff with a Flyers T-Shirt and a DVD of their winning game to City Council members.
**17-433 5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt the revised resolution to file a petition on Drain #1 and 3 crossing the Standon Investments Parcels located on Wahrman Road (south of Eureka Road and North of Pennsylvania Road). As part of that development, a portion of these Drains will be abandoned and the drain rerouted accordingly. This resolution allows Wayne County to conduct a public hearing to solicit public comment. This process will be conducted by Wayne County. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**17-434 5B.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-14 to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, Wolverine Power Systems, for a six-inch discharge pump for the City of Romulus DPW, in the amount of $28,740.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**17-435 5C.** Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-15 to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Michigan Cat, for a backhoe and all attachments, in the amount of $143,425.00.
**17-436 5D.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Jasmine Noble to the Police, Fire and Safety Commission to replace now Councilwoman Tina Talley, with a term to expire on July 22, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**17-437 5E.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration to recognize budget line items with the receipt of the bond proceeds on November 29, 2017 for the Ecorse and Vining Road projects in relation to the Amazon development.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ecorse & Vining Construction** | | | | |
| **Revenue** | | | | |
| 402-000-698.000 | Bond Proceeds | - | 11,516,627 | 11,516,627 |
| **Expense** | | | | |
| 402-000-969.000 | Cost of Issuance | - | 156,000 | 156,000 |
| 402-000-980.001 | Project Costs | 3,537,290 | 7,823,337 | 11,360,627 |

To recognize budget line items with the receipt of the bond proceeds on November 29, 2017 for the Ecorse and Vining Road projects in relation to the Amazon development. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
**6A. Clerk's Report:**
**17-438 6A1**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve introduction/first reading of amended City of Romulus Water and Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 62, Article IV. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**
**17-439 6A2**. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve introduction/first reading of amended City of Romulus Noxious Weed Ordinance, Article III. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6B. Treasurer's Report: None.**
**7. Public Comment: None.**
**8. Unfinished Business:**
Councilman Wadsworth spoke about adoption of animals from the Romulus Animal Shelter.
**9. New business: None.**
**10. Communication: None.**
**17-440 11.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to pay Warrant 17-23 in the amount of $1,204,027.73. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**12.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council..
**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 11, 2017.

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INKSTER - CANTON

# Shop With A Cop

## Inkster officers fund holiday help for needy local families

Officers from the Inkster Police Department accompanied 20 children and four families to a local Toys "R" Us just before Christmas for the annual "Shop With a Cop" evening.

Inkster police officers generated funding for the shopping trips by participating in "No Shave Holidays," during which they made a donation to an Inkster child in exchange for not shaving their beard throughout the holiday months.

Andrea Lebo, an officer with the Community Relations Unit said that the officers wanted to thank SMART for their partnership as well as Toys "R" Us of Southgate "for going above and beyond for our families."

She said the toy store "went all out" and presented each participant with a Santa hat to wear while they shopped, a dedicated lane to use during check out, and a visit from Geoffrey the Giraffe while they enjoyed cookies and punch after their shopping was complete.

"It was truly an amazing day, the officers and children had so much fun hitting the aisles and filling their baskets, we couldn't be more grateful," Lebo said.

"We would like to thank each and every officer for taking the time out of their days during the busy holiday season to make this all happen, we couldn't do it without you," she said. "It's amazing what you can accomplish when we all come together. From all of us at the Inkster Police Department have a safe and wonderful holiday season," Lebo concluded.

## Stabbing remains mystery

Detectives from the Inkster Police Department are continuing the investigation into a stabbing that took place Dec. 23 at a home on the 4300 block of Harriet.

Inkster police were aided by troopers from the Michigan State Police Metro South Secure Cities Partnership who also responded to the scene.

A male suspect used a large butcher knife to stab the victim who was attempting to hold the door to his residence shut as the suspect was attempting to gain entry, according to police reports.

*A male suspect used a large butcher knife to stab the victim...*

The victim was stabbed in the lower left back when the suspect was able to get the knife through the mail slot located on the residence door, reports stated.

The suspect was arrested at the scene by Inkster police and the victim was transported to a local hospital, according to police reports. Troopers assisted with securing the scene and provided support to the Inkster Police Department, according to a statement from the State Police.

## Canton to celebrate Dr. King

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m.

This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

This year, the keynote address will be presented by Dr. Doris J. Fields, a professor at Eastern Michigan University.

Admission is $2 per person (cash only) or the donation of one canned good to Open Door Ministry, a local food pantry and job bank. For more information about this special performance, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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### 30. Help Wanted

The City of Westland is seeking qualified applicants for a vacant Building/Planning Supervisor position. The Building/Planning Supervisor coordinates activities involving the duties of inspection, plan review, ordinance compliance and activities pertinent to Building and Planning Department activities. Qualified applicants must be a licensed Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer with the State of Michigan and have a minimum of five years' experience in inspection, plan review and code & ordinance enforcement. Building Official designation desired, but not required. Working knowledge of BS&A Software is a plus.

Qualified individuals must complete an application and submit a resume by fax (734) 422-1214, email: **Personnel@cityofwestland.com** or in person at City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd, Westland MI. The application can be found at **www.cityofwestland.com** under the Personnel Department page.

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### 59. Auctions

**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On January 9, 2017 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2000 FORD WINDSTAR
2FMZA5143YBA29811
2008 DODGE CALIBER
1B3HB48BX8D738873
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1FMFU17L73LA91285
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1GNDT13S722270028
2003 DODGE DURANGO
1D4HS58NX3F509463
2009 DODGE JOURNEY
3D4GG47B39T612074
2002 GMC YUKON
3GKFK16Z62G291817
2006 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
2MEFM74V96X637183
2003 FORD EXPLORER
1FMZU73K53ZB52899
2002 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
2MEFM75W82X622272
2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
2G2WR524941163421
2004 YAMAHA YZFR6
JYARJ06E54A012678
2000 PONTIAC MONTANA
1GMDU03E6YD349144
2004 FORD TAURUS
1FAFP55U24G158597
1999 MERCURY COUGAR
1ZWFT61L5X5623259
1995 HONDA CIVIC
1ZWFT61L5X5623259
2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
2G2WP522141266904
1993 CHEVROLET LUMINA
2G1WL54T8P9258004
2011 TOYOTA RAV4
2T3ZF4DV0BW067229
2006 FORD FOCUS
1FAFP37N16W231672
2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER
1GNET16S836113425

*All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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1998 DODGE
1B7HC16XXWS726661
FORD
3FAFP31311R243033
2008 DODGE
2B3KA43R88H264468
2004 CHEV
2G1WH52K849320783
2005 DODGE
1D4GP24R85B111540
2004 NISSAN
1N4ALAADX4C154888
1999 FORD
1FAFP6639XK123441
2004 SATURN
1G8AJ52F94Z166996
2006 TRLG. DANE
1GRAA56127K288154
2002 FORD
1FMZU77E52UB94814
1994 DODGE
2B7HB21Y2RK167842
SAAB
YS3EB45E123045860
2002 CHEV
1G1NE52J32M636524
2005 FORD
1FAFP34NX5W275706
1999 DODGE
1B7HF13Y9XJ600058
2003 FORD
1FMYUO2143KA40499
2005 CHEV
1G1ZT52875F220196
2003 CHEV
1G1NE52J33M724507
2003 DODGE
1B3ES56C33D105399
1990 DODGE
1B7GE16Y5MS229115
1992 GEO
2CNBE18U7N6916708
2002 FORD
1FAFR55U32A145342
2001 NISSAN
5NIED28T81C578475
2000 DODGE
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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Foundation awards $29,000 to teachers

Last month, the Northville Educational Foundation awarded 43 teachers and 22 projects across the Northville Public Schools with Innovative Grants totaling $29,571.

Almost 30 applications were received by the foundation requesting more than $40,000 in funding, a spokesperson said. The applications were reviewed by a committee comprised of Northville Education Foundation board members as well as retired Northville teachers. The projects were scored based on their innovation; how they address curriculum standards; the ability to replicate the projects; the number of students impacted and the goals for the outcome of the project. The top scores that fit within the $30,000 budget allocated were selected.

Some of the projects included laser engravers, digital force sensors and hand held ultrasound units; Keva planks to help with spatial relations and geometry; and an outdoor storybook walk at Ridgewood that will benefit the community as well as the school. To see the full list of winners, visit the Northville Educational Foundation website.

Overall, the committee was impressed with the teachers who are willing to go the extra mile to bring extra programming into their classrooms, and with projects that showed such creativity and invention, said Northville Educational Foundation Director Christa Howley.

"These teachers are going above and beyond by applying for these grants. There is paperwork to fill out, deadlines to be met and final reports and interviews to be completed," said Howley. "They are doing all this extra work to apply for grant money that isn't even for them. It is so they can purchase materials to do these amazing projects with their students, projects that the kids will remember and talk about around the dinner table."

More than 20 projects will be implemented in the classrooms beginning second semester of this school year and will impact more than 2,000 students this year at all 10 Northville schools. Many of them will be able to be replicated year after year, Howley said.

"Award Day is one of NEF's favorite days of the year," said Howley "The teachers don't know that they have been awarded the grants, so when we walk into their classroom, it is almost like they won the lottery. They are so appreciative when really it is NEF that appreciates everything these teachers do for our students." This is the ninth year the Northville Educational Foundation has provided Innovative Grants to teachers across the district.

A total of $165,000 has been granted to these innovative teachers since the program began, Howley added.

Howley said a special thanks was due those who served on the Innovative Grants Committee including, Dwight Sieggreen, Marisa Cullens, Arlene Frayne, Gary Gandolfi, Donna Hicks, Jeff Jaghab, Suzanne Lynn, Martha Michalak, Sharon Pernia, and Don Price.

### Holiday surprise

Sam Plymale and Tony Bruscato, far right, of the Plymouth Downtown Development District played Santa this year and presented unsuspecting shoppers gift certificates to downtown Plymouth merchants, just for supporting the local businesses during the holiday season. "It's a program that is done only in downtown Plymouth," Bruscato said. The pair thanked the shoppers for supporting Downtown Plymouth during the holidays and then had them pick an envelope with certificates from downtown merchants. Participating merchants this year included: U.P. Pasties, Ironwood Grill, Nico & Vali, Sean O'Callaghan's, Omelette & Waffle Café, Home Interior Warehouse, R.S.V.P., Panera Bread, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Alpine Chocolat Haus, Plymouth Yoga Room, Core Sport, Harris Conservatory of Music, B.E. Unique, Sherri at Vanity Salon, Home Sweet Home and Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers. The shoppers, at right, were surprised and delighted.

## Probe

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tap and admitted responsibility when confronted by federal authorities. The ongoing scandal led to criminal charges of multiple elected officials and municipal employees in several communities.

During a contentious 3-1/2 hour Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting in May 2015, one month after Price took office, Plymouth Township officials awarded Rizzo a seven-year, $11 million waste hauling contract and dismissed Duncan Disposal System, Inc. The meeting was punctuated with raised voices and obvious displays of temper but then-officials claimed Rizzo was the low bidder of five competing companies and the contact was approved by a 5-1 vote.

Heise said after the initial discovery of the missing property in the spring of last year, township officials considered turning the investigation over to the office of Attorney General Bill Schuette, but declined to do so because of the state official's involvement with Price. Heise described that move as being "problematic" and said one of the main reasons for the decision to involve federal authorities was that Price was a former employee of the attorney general and Schuette had conducted fundraisers and provided political endorsements for Price. Price worked in the department of constituent relations for Schuette from 2011 until 2015 when he left to become the Wayne County Commissioner from the 11th District.

The federal prosecutor in charge of the township investigation is Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Bullotta. Bullotta was the prosecutor for the Rizzo case and is known for his role in the prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a historic case that sent the former mayor of Detroit to prison for 28 years.

"I'm not at liberty at this point to go into great detail," Heise said, "It (the investigation) may involve Rizzo, past employees and officials."

One law enforcement official close to the situation said that multiple sources have confirmed that there is an ongoing federal investigation into thefts of township property. He added that his information was that federal indictments are pending.

"It appears that the investigation is focused on the former Township Director of Parks and Grants Mike Mitchell," the official, who asked not to be named, said.

Mitchell was Price's former aide during his tenure as a Wayne County Commissioner and was hired by Price soon after his controversial appointment as Plymouth Township supervisor, replacing Richard Reaume, who resigned midterm.

Mitchell was reportedly involved in a physical altercation with former township Treasurer Ron Edwards regarding the placement of signs in the park during preparation for the Fourth of July picnic two years ago. Mitchell did not report for work for more than four months after Price was defeated in his bid for election to the supervisor's job and was subsequently terminated.

"This investigation is not over," a highly-placed law enforcement official confirmed.

Tiderington refused comment on the situation saying he felt it would be a violation of professional ethics to comment on the ongoing investigation.

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## Calendar of events

### Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day traditional Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year, 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will in the Summit Gymnasium.

Tickets are $11 for Canton residents and $14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

### Pet CPR classes offered

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) is hosting a pet CPR and first aid training at the Plymouth headquarters at 1260 Goldsmith from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

The class and training are free and will explain how to care for pets in the event of an emergency.

All ages are welcome. Students must register in advance at

https://form.jotform.com/73402996682164

### Computer training available

The Romulus Public Library will offer free one-on-one computer tutoring including help with Microsoft products, internet browsing and web applications, social media and email.

For help, sign up for a 30-45 minute session with one of the library professionals at the front desk of the library.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

### Second Monday Book Club to meet

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Romulus Public Library.

All adults 18 and older are welcome to join.

The book to be discussed is A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman and copies are available at the library.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734)942-7589.

### Solar energy is topic

Homegrown Knowledge: Power Your Home with Solar Energy will be the topic of Dave Strenski of Solar Ypsilanti at a 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Belleville Library.

Strenski will discuss the economics of solar power and how it works. Audiences can bring their energy bill to get an estimate of what it would cost to be 100 percent solar powered.

Strenski will have a list of solar contractors available.

The discussion is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Refreshments will be served.

The Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

### Chess club to meet

The Romulus Public Library Chess Club will meet from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

All ages are welcome and the meeting is free. No registration is necessary. Boards will be provided by participants are welcome to bring their own. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be some handouts to help new players. Although this is not an instructional program, there will be experienced players who are welcome to help new players learn the game.

Light refreshments will be served.

The program is hosted in partnership with the City of Romulus Recreation Department.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information, call (734) 942-7589.

### Senior Book Club to meet

The Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Romulus Senior Center.

All adults 55 and older are welcome to join the discussion of the books, Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe or Gone For Good by Harlan Coben.

Copies of both books are available at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

### Toddler Story Time available

The Romulus Public Library will host Toddler Story time for those 0-4 years of age for playtime, stories and crafts from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 17 through March 28.

Older children can attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

Toddler Story Time is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

### Family Story Time begins

The Romulus Public Library will host Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 18 through Feb. 15.

Story Time will include aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) depending on the weekly theme.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Story Time is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Romulus Library.

### Chamber hosts awards dinner

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Awards Dinner, Holiday Party and Chinese Auction on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Angel Food Catering. Ticket cost is $50 per person and includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine. Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of $360, which is a $5 savings per ticket. Ticket prices will increase after the first of the year and at the door.

The evening will include the presentation of the Ted Kuckelman, Leona Van Buhler and Business of the Year awards, dinner entertainment provided by Piano Wars, and a Chinese Auction rounding out the evening. Chamber membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber representatives are currently seeking sponsorships for the event. Sponsors will be acknowledged at the event.

Items are also being accepted for the Chinese Auction. Pick-ups of donations can be arranged and all those making a donation will be acknowledged at the event.

To purchase tickets, donate, or for more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office (734) 697-7151.

### Miniature Masterpieces performed

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform chamber ensemble music performed by 14 players during the Miniature Masterpieces concert set for 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The chapel is located at 574 S Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

### Daddy Daughter Dance set

The City of Plymouth will host the 6th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. on both Friday, Feb. 2 or Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended. Admission is $10/person and because space is limited, advance ticket purchase is required. No admission will be available at the door.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## High school to host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, please contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.